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SUBJ: HACHEL VISIT TO CHINA

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1. MOZANBIQUE'S PRESIDENT SAMORE MACHEL WAS GIVEN APPROPRIATELY HIGH-LEVEL HOSPITALITY DURING HIS VISIT TO THE PRC MAY 25-31. MET AT THE AIRPORT BY CHAIRMAN HUA KUOFENG AND GUEST OF HONOR AT A BANQUET HOSTED BY VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN, MACHEL ALSO HELD TWO ROUNDS OF TALKS WITH LI, HAD ONE MEETING WITH VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING AND WAS RECEIVED BY CHAIRMAN HU. HE AND HIS PARTY WERE ACCOMPANIED TO TACHAI AND SHANGHAI BY ANOTHER VICE PREMIER AND POLITBURO MEMBER, KENG PIAO. THE LEVEL OF ATTENTION HE RECEIVED WAS GREATER THAN THAT GIVEN MOST AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE, BUT FELL SHORT OF THE WELCOME ACCORDED LEADERS OF STATES WITH WHOM PEKING HAS A SPECIAL, "FRATERNAL" RELATIONSHIP. IAW

2. DESPITE ALL THIS, SPEECHES BY LI AND MACHEL AT

THE WELCOMING BANQUET DEMONSTRATED THE DIFFERENCES
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BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES' OUTLOOKS ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. WHEREAS LI, PERHAPS TO AVOID OFFENDING HIS MOZAMBICAN GUESTS, DID NOT SINGLE OUT THE SOVIET UNION AS THE MAJOR ENEMY OF AFRICA, HE NEVERTHELESS REFERRED TO "THE SUPERPOWERS" AND EVEN MORE TELLINGLY TO THE USE OF "MERCENARIES" -- PEKING'S CODE WORD FOR THE CUBAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE IN AFRICA. MACHEL, FOR

HIS PART, SAID A NUMBER OF THINGS WHICH ARE SURE TO HAVE BEEN DISTASTEFUL TO HIS HOSTS, INCLUDING FAVORABLE REFERENCES TO DETENTE, THE "SOCIALIST CAMP", AND TO THE VICTORIES OF THE PEOPLE OF ANGOLA AND VIETNAM. ON INDOCHINA, HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE BORDER "PROBLEM" COULD BE SETTLED "ON THE BASIS OF MARXISM-LENINISM AND PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM" AND IN THE TRADITION OF THE BROTHERHOOD OF THE PEOPLES OF INDOCHINA -- A FORMULATION SUSPICIOUSLY CLOSE TO HANOI'S CALL FOR "SOLIDARITY". MACHEL ALSO UNMISTAKENABLY DEFENDED SOVIET AID TO HIS COUNTRY BY STATING THAT "THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN UNFAILING IN THEIR SOLIDARITY" WITH MOZAMBIQUE.

3. THERE IS VIRTUALLY NO INFORMATION AND VERY LITTLE SPECULATION IN PEKING ON THE CONTENT OF MACHEL'S TALKS HERE, DUE PERHAPS BOTH TO THE LACK OF A MOZAMBIQUE EMBASSY AND TO THE CURRENT PREOCCUPATION WITH THE SINO-VIETNAMESE DISPUTE. A ROMANIAN DIPLOMAT HAS NEVERTHELESS TOLD US THAT A MAJOR MOTIVE ON PEKING'S PART IN INVITING MACHEL WAS TO TRY TO JUDGE HIM AWAY FROM HIS CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOVIET UNION. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT THE CHINESE SUCCEEDED.
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